# MARIPOSA MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

### GUIDED TOUR OPPORTUNITIES



- Discover what it was like to live during the California Gold Rush!
  - Learn about local American Indian Tribes
    - Explore Mariposa County History





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A nonprofit 501(C) (3) corporation founded in 1957. The specific and primary purposes of the Mariposa Museum and History Center are the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about Mariposa County and the State of California.

The Mariposa Museum & History Center represents an authentic picture of people and life in Mariposa County from the migration of its first inhabitants through the Indian and Spanish periods, to the famed California Gold Rush and recent past.

For school field trips and tours, we often provide a catered experience with a focus on California History & the California Gold Rush period.



# Guided Tour Opportunities for Schools

#### **Indoor Exhibits**

Within the Mariposa Museum and History Center, we represent Mariposa County History from its early



Native American inhabitants and Spanish and Mexican influences, to the beginning of the Gold Rush era through

the early 20th century.



#### **Museum Grounds**

Tour the Museum Grounds and discover our gardens, browse through mining artifacts, see the old Carriage House and Broom Shop, and enter the **U-ma-cha**, a

bark house constructed by local Native Americans.

#### **Gold Panning**



Each student is given a lesson in Gold Panning and has the opportunity to keep the gold they successfully pan.



Miwuk Exhibit History and culture of the local Miwuk are represented through artwork, basketry, and artifacts. The Southern Miwuk tribe

originated in the Mariposa/Madera County area of the Sierra foothills, with historical ties to Yosemite Valley.



#### **Counts House**

Built by Augustus Shriver in the 1870s, this home is furnished with period furniture, utensils and clothing.

#### **Gazette Building**

The Gazette Building was moved from its original location to the Mariposa Museum in 1991. It houses two of its original printing presses, cases of type, and printing equipment. Guided tours from our resident printing expert are available.



#### **5 Stamp Mill Live Demonstration**

The five stamp mill (pictured on front page) was used to crush ore (quartz) into sand-sized particles, releasing gold from the quartz. Each stamp weighs 1,000 pounds.



#### **Blacksmith Shop**

Demonstrated in a fully functional recreation of an early Blacksmith Shop.

### PRICING FOR GUIDED TOURS PLEASE CALL US TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!

		Bronze	Silver	Gold
Price Per Person		\$5	\$10	\$25
Stamp Mill Demo (flat rate)	\$75 Per Group			
Admission to Museum				
Outbuildings Open for Viewing				
All Venues Guided				
Gold Panning: Add \$10 per	#40 L tov	Add-on		
Individual, includes vial of gold)	\$10 + tax			
All packages: Cost is per person plus Stamp Mill rate				

Outside venues include the Counts House, Gazette Building, and Blacksmith Shop. Availability of Outside Venues and Stamp Mill subject to change based on conditions and availability of staff.

Patio luncheon options available. Contact museum for details!

### The Mariposa Museum & History Center is Open 7 Days a Week

(Closed Thanksgiving & Christmas Day)

(209) 966-2924 call between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm